(b) if so, the amount of loss suffered by Government as per the report, together with the names of the persons against whom action has been taken by Government according to the said report, alongwith details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 1998. Union Government (Commercial) (Steel Authority of India Limited) No. 6 of 1999 has been placed on the Tables of both the Houses of the Parliament. This report also contains a chapter on utilisation of Aircrafts owned by SAIL.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Suspension of Managing Director of SAIL

401. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Managing Director of the Indian Iron and Steel Company Ltd. has been suspended and inquiry has been conducted into the alleged corruption charges against him while he was Director of the raw material division of the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that Shri G.S. Garcha, Managing Director, Indian Iron Steel Company, a subsidiary of SAIL, has been placed under suspension and departmental proceedings against him have been initiated for alleged corrupt practices in awarding certain tenders.

Waiving off SAIL Loan

402. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report "MoF picks holes in SAIL SDF loan write-off plan" in 'Economic Times', dated 1.2.2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance has refused to write-off Rs. 5073 crore loan taken by SAIL from the SDF; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Approval of Restructuring Package for SAIL

403. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the restructuring package for the Steel Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in that regard; and

(c) how much loss the Steel Authority of India has suffered during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of financial and business restructuring package for SAIL approved by the Government are as under:-

(i) Financial Restructuring of SAIL by waiving of loans advanced to it from Steel Development Fund to a value of Rs. 5073 crore and Rs. 381 crore from the Govt. of India.

(ii) Provision of Government guarantees with 50% interest subsidy for loan and interest thereon Rs. 1500 crore to be raised by SAIL from the market to finance reduction in manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(iii) Provision of Government guarantee for loan and interest thereon of Rs. 1500 crore to be raised by SAIL from the market primarily for meeting repayment obligation on past loans during 1999-2000.

(iv) To initiate the process of divestment of following non-core assets while protecting jobs of existing employees :—

- Power Plants at Bokaro, Durgapur and Rourkela
- 2 × 60 MW Captive power plant - II at Rourkela Steel Plant and the Central Power Training Institute at Rourkela